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CIA Is Called in Bomber Sale

BUFFALO — Officials of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, including its director, face subpoenas in the trial of three men charged with conspiring to export illegally B-26 bombers to Portugal.

Judge John O. Henderson of U.S. District Court here directed Wednesday that subpoenas be issued for CIA Director Richard Helms and 10 others, including Richard M. Bissell, past deputy director of the CIA.

The subpoenas were requested by Edwin Marger of Miami Beach, Fla., a lawyer for John R. Hawke, 28, one of the defendants.

The government charges the deal involved exporting 20 World War II bombers to Portugal in the spring and summer of 1965. The government contends seven of the bombers were actually flown to that

country and that Hawke was the pilot.

Hawke, a former British Royal Air Force pilot, now living in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., says he was arrested Sept. 17, 1965, in Miami, Fla., by federal agents even though the CIA backed the venture. The CIA has denied this.

Hawke said the planes were to be used to quell a Communist-inspired uprising in the Portuguese colonies of Angola

and Mozambique in Africa.

Marger said he wanted Helms and Bissell to testify on previous CIA use of the B26 bomber in international affairs and what the lawyer called "its export without government license."

Also on trial with Hawke are Henri de Montmarin, 53, a Paris businessman accused of ordering the planes, and Woodrow W. Roderick, 47, a Winnipeg, Man.